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RE: Andalex Resources, Inc. "Centennial Mine" - Application for a Permit Revision, Revised Appendix X, Task ID No. 2359

Dear Sir or Madam:

This in response to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining's (UT-DOGM) November 3, 2005, request for a decision, under 30 CFR 944.30, whether the above subject permit revision constitutes a mining plan modification.

Mining plan approvals by the Secretary of the Interior are required under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, 30 U.S.C. 181, *et seq.* before coal mining can occur on Federal lands. This letter serves to document OSM's determination whether or not a mining plan approval from the Secretary is required for the above permitting action.

OSM's review of the Application for a Permit Revision, Revised Appendix X, has determined that it proposes to revise the text of the approved permit application for the Centennial Mine, Utah State permit C/007/019 to address "As Constructed" information for existing gob gas vent holes and to request the construction of four additional holes, GVH#5A, GVH#7, GVH#8, and GVH#9.

Based on a review of the activities associated with the permit revision, OSM has determined that the proposal does not meet the requirements of 30 CFR 746.18(d). Therefore, the proposed permit revision does not constitute a mining plan action requiring Secretarial approval.

OSM's decision was based solely upon the Federal regulations under 30 CFR PART 746 and not the technical aspects of the revision application itself. Consequently, OSM's decision does not relieve UT-DOGM from coordinating the review and approval of the Application for a Permit Revision, Revised Appendix X with other Federal agencies for compliance with other Federal regulations.

OSM also electronically transmitted the November 3, 2005 request to the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service for their review and comment.

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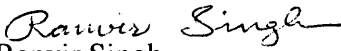
DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

In an electronic transmittal dated November 8, 2005, the Bureau of Land Management stated in its opinion the permit revision did not constitute a mining plan action requiring Secretarial approval.

The U.S. Forest Service did not provide any comments in the thirty day time frame established by the Federal regulations under 30 CFR 944.30, Article VI. D.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or approval, please contact Carl R. Johnston, Utah Federal Lands coordinator, at (303) 844-1400, extension 1500.

Sincerely,


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